Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your student will be participating in the Spring 2026 PSSA, a state-mandated standardized assessment. Students in grades 3 through 8 will test for ELA April 21, 22, and 23, math will be April 28th and 29th, and science (only grades 5th and 8th) will be April 30th and May 1st. Make-Up Testing will be given throughout these three weeks and during the week of May 6th. The details below and the documents included with this letter provide important information and policies, so please take a few minutes to review them.

1. **Included Documents**
   - Frequently Asked Questions - Information for Parents or Guardians
     - provides an overview of the basics of the PSSA
     - explains a parent's right to refuse his/her student from testing in the "May parents see the assessments?" section
2. **Pennsylvania Calculator Policy**
   - Provides an overview of the calculator policy
3. **Electronic Devices Parent Letter**
   - details the Pennsylvania Department of Education policy on and consequences for using cell phones and other electronic devices during testing
4. **School Policy on Electronic Devices**
   - As explained in the Electronic Devices Parent Letter, all unapproved electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, smartphones, smartwatches, cameras, etc.) and other communication devices will not be allowed during the test administration. For purposes of the PSSA administration, a student observed actively engaged with an unapproved electronic device is defined as using the device. A student not suspected of using the unapproved electronic device, but in possession of an unapproved electronic device on his/her person or placed where one could easily access it, is different from using an unapproved electronic device.

The following actions will be taken if a student is found in possession of an electronic device during testing:

- school personnel will determine if it was used to compromise the security or integrity of the test

- Students that violate the ban on cell phones and other electronic devices but do not compromise security/integrity will have the phone/device confiscated and the dean will call home to speak to the parent/guardian.

The following actions will be taken if a student is found using a cell phone during testing:

- School personnel will determine if it was used to compromise the security or integrity of the test
- Students that violate the ban on cell phones and other electronic devices will have the phone/device confiscated, the dean will call home to speak to the parent/guardian, the parent will need to pick up the phone/device, and the student will retake the test.
- A "Do Not Score" label will be applied to his/her answer booklet and the student will either have to retake the test from the beginning or not receive a score
- the phone or communication device will be confiscated until such time that you come to the school. In your presence, the cell phone or other device will be viewed to ensure that it contains no information or material about the assessment
- If items on an assessment are compromised, they will have to be replaced. Parents and students may be responsible for the cost of replacing the items

Please review the above policies carefully and discuss them with your student. As always, thank you for your full cooperation in this important matter.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

School Administration

PSSA Coordinator